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## TO OUR READERS

The Spartan Daily will stop publication on Dec. 11 for the fall semester. We are scheduled to resume publication on Jan. 23 for the Spring 2002 semester. The Daily wishes everyone good luck on their finals and hopes everyone enjoys their winter break.

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SUNNY

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## OPINION



D.S. Perez finishes his tenure as "Born Under A Bad Sign" with another scatterbrained rant.



Fear of the future causes Minal Gandhi to "Unravel" and digress in present day.

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## SPORTS



Arto Saari grabbed Thrasher Magazine's Skater of the Year award on Saturday amidst a wild party at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco.

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San Jose State University wrestling alum Jim Lucas starts up a wrestling club to replace the program that was canceled in 1985.

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## Student wins award in storytelling

By Karen Kerstan

DAILY STAFF WRITER

With a wide-eyed expression and charade like gestures, Cassandra Robinette, a senior in liberal studies, held the audience captive at Hal Todd Studio Theatre Friday night with a story about a young girl learning to read.

Robinette was one of the eight featured finalists at the Kaucher Mitchell Event for Excellence, an annual storytelling competition for San Jose State University stu-

dents. The event was an extension of the class students took on storytelling and oral interpretation.

Beverly Swanson, a lecturer in the Radio, Television and Film department, teaches the storytelling class each fall semester. She said the students come a long way from the first day of class to the on stage appearance.

"Some students come into class on the first day shaking in their boots," she said.

"But over time and with practice, the students become com-

fortable with speaking in front of an audience."

Robinette was the winner of the competition and was awarded the Kaucher Mitchell fellowship of \$500.

Robinette said after the performance that she was nervous when she first started the class but was able to channel her energy to more positive outlets.

"For the story I told, I just imagined myself as the 5-year-old girl telling the story and she

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## A clean getaway...



In the foreground, Tim Villarruz greets Dolores Gutierrez in the 5th floor of Duncan Hall. Most of the janitors at San Jose State University work eight-hour shifts during graveyard hours

Omar Ornelas / Daily Staff

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## Shetty says reason for resignation is personal

By Kemberly Gong

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Akbar Shetty said that his resignation as Vice President from Associated Students was for "personal reasons."

Shetty will fill the position until the end of the Fall 2001 semester.

Though Shetty said his resignation would give him more time to focus on school and his other commitments, he did admit that he did not like the direction that A.S. has taken, saying that there has been little accomplished this year, and not many new ideas proposed.

"I'm doing projects that have been committed to in the past and nothing new is happening," he said. "It seems that me and the board members are the only ones proposing anything new."

He also said that he had to be coming up with new ideas, even though it was not his responsibility to do so.

Shetty also attributed his leaving to the resistance he has had in getting some of his projects passed. He said he had been pushing for the A.S. computer lab to be set up as soon as possible, but that he had constantly received opposition by members on the student union board. He said the decision

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## Shabbat celebrated with kosher sushi

By Joannie Sevilla

DAILY STAFF WRITER

It was a night of sushi and tradition at the Hillel house where Jewish students observed Shabbat, also known as "the Sabbath," on the Friday before Hanukkah.

"The Jewish celebrate Shabbat every Friday night except at Hillel, we only do it twice a month," said Brynne Speizer, coordinator of Jewish campus life at Hillel.

According to the members of Hillel, who are also San Jose State University students, the Jewish tradition of eating kosher foods is a way of life and also a personal choice.

"The reason why I keep kosher

is for ethical reasons and the fact that I like to think about what I'm eating before I eat it," Ben Pastcan, a graduate student in library and information sciences, said.

Leya Babchin, an intern at Hillel and a marketing major said the act of keeping kosher, called Kashrut, has many rules, such as the exclusion of shellfish or pork.

"Kashrut is a way of eating that is deemed clean and healthy," Babchin said. "I don't eat pork out of respect for the actual tradition of Kashrut."

"It's healthier and cleaner," Aaron Baskin, a junior in economics said. "It's also to keep tradi-

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## Speaker tries to explain situation for Afghan refugees

By Colin Atagi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Yousef Al-Yousef, chairman of the American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice, spoke Thursday evening on the situation in Afghanistan involving the number of deaths and amount violence.

Many people have labeled Afghanistan as the United States' enemy, but Al-Yousef said that is a major misconception.

Though he doesn't condone the Taliban's tactics, Al-Yousef said that they have actually

provided peace in their country prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Most of the people of Afghanistan have not even heard of Osama bin Laden up to that point, he said.

The reason they have not surrendered bin Laden to the United States is because the people of Afghanistan are a unique culture in that they were raised to respect their guests.

Justin Locquiao, a fourth year student majoring in mechanical engineering, said he thought the media is respon-

sible for how everyone perceives Afghanistan.

"It's what they're hiding," he said. "They know it's happening but they don't want to put it out there. It's just so one sided and I'm not surprised."

Al-Yousef said the fighting in Afghanistan has been taking place since 1973 when several groups tried to stand up to the government. When Russia invaded in 1979, the situation escalated.

"(Fighting) is the only thing they know," he said. "They

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## Aerobicthon teaches the value of exercising

By Hillary Cargo

DAILY STAFF WRITER

More than 170 students found stress relief in a natural, healthy way during Friday evening's 11th annual aerobicthon event in the Spartan Complex gym.

"Exercising always helps me relieve stress," said Nathania Frishman, a junior French major. "I thought it would be fun to come and be with friends and get a good workout."

The event involved an hour and a half of aerobic routines accompanied by funk, disco and hip-hop music.

"Different instructors, who have different styles, each have 13-minute routines," said Carol Sullivan, a San Jose State University aerobics instructor.

The styles of aerobics included cardio-funk, high and lo-impact, jazzercise and cardio-kickboxing, Sullivan said.

Stanford University kickboxing instructor Andrea Squarchi

kept the room filled with students sweating with her high-energy workout as she incorporated jump ropes and rubber resistance ropes into her workout.

"It's good to get together with friends ... It's just great to do something fun and that we enjoy," Squarchi said. "I think it helps to get the serotonin kicking."

Serotonin is a neurotransmitter in the brain that is linked to euphoric feelings which involve the experience known as the "runner's high," and similar feelings of elation.

Mahvash Jafari nejad, a senior computer science major, agreed that the evening was enjoyable.

"It's more fun to work out in groups with music instead of at the gym, alone," she said.

"It's a small break before finals."

According to Sullivan, Friday's aerobicthon is held as a

way to help students de-stress before finals.

"I ask students all the time what is the cause of their stress and they say their classes," Sullivan said. "So it helps to develop health and fitness awareness and relieve stress just before finals."

Jafari nejad said that it was

nice to work out before finals, but she would like to see more events such as the aerobicthon offered throughout the semester.

After the sweat was generated in the room over the hour-and-a-half-long workout, free sandwiches, fruit, muffins, and refreshments were offered to the sweat-covered participants.

After a cool-down routine and snacks, students were awarded with entertainment by roller skater Andre Meggerson, who attends De Anza College.

"Health is everything," said Meggerson, who works out at SJSU. "You've got to stay in

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JaShong King / Daily Staff

Leah Chasm does pushups during the Sports Conditioning segment of the Aerobicthon, held in the Spartan Complex on Friday. More than 100

students showed up to the two hour event to help keep themselves in shape.



## Editorial

### New computer lab is late, result of lies

Associated Students have an early Christmas present for students today: a brand-new, state-of-the-art computer lab.

But it's like getting a PlayStation for Christmas this year — a little late.

And it's also not quite what we voted for: Measure P stated it would be a state-of-the-art lab with 100 stations, technical support and — this is a big 'and' — it would be open 24 hours.

Now that it's opening, A.S. officials say the latest it will stay open is until midnight, three days per week. The other four days, it is open until 11 p.m.

This just represents another thing that A.S. has done to finagle money from San Jose State University students.

But the situation isn't just a matter of money, it's a matter of lies.

We voted for Measure P in March of 2000. Now, about one year and nine months later, A.S. is finally giving us our computer lab.

Of course, back when the vote took place, only about 1,400 students voted in favor of the lab. It was 62.6 percent of voters, but only about five percent of the entire student body.

Since then, however, we've been paying \$18 per semester — 100 percent of us.

Figuring SJSU has about 27,000 students, that's a total of \$1.458 million in the three semesters since Measure P was passed.

What kind of computers are these that A.S. purchased?

And, for that matter, why can the lab not be open 24 hours?

Last week, A.S. officials said it was an issue of money, because it would cost more money to keep the Student Union open longer to sustain 24-hour operation.

Really?

We would think they'd have enough money to make this the world's greatest computer lab. Especially since A.S. will continue to get about \$480,000 a semester.

But that's not the case at all. The reason is simple: A.S. misused our funds.

After Measure P passed, controversy arose about the \$18 fee.

That figure included a \$6 fee the California State University system required to go to financial aid programs whenever student fees were raised.

Days before the Spring 2000 election, this rule, Executive Order 661, was repealed by the CSU. But A.S. did nothing to adjust the fees accordingly.

"If we keep the \$6, then we will expand services," A.S. controller Carlos Aguirre said at the time.

Let's take time out to examine that one: We have the same number of computers as the ballot originally stated, we have the same technical support, and we have the same "state-of-the-art" label. What we don't have is a computer lab that's open 24 hours.

Talk about expansion.

Instead, A.S. used the money to renovate the Scheller House, which is where they originally planned to put the computer lab.

Later, A.S. decided to move its offices to the house and put the computer lab where the A.S. offices currently are, in the Student Union.

If the reason for not being able to have a 24-hour computer lab is because the Student Union doesn't stay open 24 hours, and it would cost more money to keep it open, then we believe it is safe to say A.S. doesn't have students' best interests in mind.

If it did, A.S. would have found a place to put the computer lab a long time ago, a place that could be open 24 hours.

If it did, A.S. would have asked us first, before using our money to build itself a new office.

If A.S. really had our best interests in mind, it would give us a Christmas present we really want — our Measure P money back.

## Quote for the Daily:

**"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous — everyone hasn't met me yet."**

— Rodney Dangerfield, comedian

## A columnist's scatter-brained goodbye

I'll start off with this statement: I didn't want this to be the last column.

Back in May, I did want it to be the last. I was going to be straightforward, and start off with "Good bye San Jose State University!" just like Robin Williams when he was kicked out of Vietnam in "Good Morning Vietnam."

Unfortunately, I wouldn't have anything as heartwarming as grabbing a formaldehyde beer at a pho restaurant and teaching the locals cussing and stickball.

But as the clocked ticked and waned, there was just so much to get off my mind that I never got to share. And I won't get another crack in maybe, oh, 20 years. Maybe never.

So, that means no one will ever hear my rant on some Californian hippie child-turned Islamic warrior, singing "I love the Taliban, and the Taliban loves me," in Afghanistan.

In fact, I've really got to hand it to the Taliban — a bunch of backwards, bearded religious types wanting to ban all pornography, starting with covering women's entire bodies and livestock genitalia (actual headline from an Iranian news source). These guys want to bring back the Middle Ages. They're kind of like the Amish with AK-47s, rocket launchers and — possibly — weapons of mass destruction. I think the Amish would probably do a better job of fighting to the death.

"Come Jonah, lets raise Stoltzfus' barn and get the SAM site ready. And don't forget to put the anthrax in the silo!"

D.S. PEREZ

BORN UNDER A BAD SIGN

There won't be a crazy guy in the black shirt on Monday spewing cynicism and sarcasm at everyone and everything in this world, such as the Associated Students and their new Tammany Hall, formerly known as the Scheller House. Oh wait, the core members of the Spartan Party have left the group. Now instead of being seen as corrupt and shady, A.S. is just another inept governing body.

Damn, there goes the excitement. Well, I heard the Scheller House had a piano and elevator installed in it. I guess they can have fun going up and down all day and singing "We're in the money," counting the profits of their 24, er, 17-hour computer lab.

I'm going to miss mocking Rah-bert Cah-ret, aka "Chemist Bob" president of San Ho-say State. I'm going to miss that Boston accent too.

But I'd like to know where he got those suits with the "I'm hosting the Silicon Valley Bowl" patches. Because I'm going to buy his counterpart at Fresno State University a matching suit — "Haha, I'm playing in your bowl, you're not."

It's sad to host a bowl you can't even qualify for. That's like being grounded to your room while the neighborhood kids enjoy your birthday party downstairs.

Ah, but hell, we're blue collar losers. That's what makes this university special, just like Al Bundy and Homer Simpson.

How does being at SJSU make you a loser?

Well, for starters, a box of toilet paper can evacuate a building.

"Good one, God."

A building intended to house our business majors goes over the budget.

"Doh!"

Our alumni, which I will soon be joining the ranks of, includes Christopher Darden.

I can see telling that to my family ...

"You spent your father's money to attend a university that gave us a guy who couldn't convict O.J.? Bad enough the football team can't win. You weren't planning to become a lawyer, were you?"

OK, so I'm really lambasting SJSU a bit too hard. I'm actually glad I went here and got the diploma.

Here I have worked with and learned from some of the finest folks I've ever met. I'd list them, but I'm running out of room. Thanks — you know who you are. Now would you please remove your feet from my ass, I'm walking out the door now.

And thanks to those who complimented me for the columns. Now I'm extra paranoid. And oh yeah, I respect the man, even though I'd like to kick

his ass for some things he's said, but for all of you calling me "Mr. Bad Example" — you got the wrong guy.

The real shame about today is this: I'll never be able to write my mind again. And if I want to submit to the Daily, I can only write letters. Hopefully, I can write better ones than "I am beautiful, I can make money doing this, so let me pose naked for you," "why do you express opinions on the Opinion page?" and "we are at war because abortion and capitalism run this country, and as it states in the Bible ..."

Well, I need to do something better. Like find a job. Because I can't just sit around and catch up on video games and Cartoon Network shows I've missed.

Bad news: So far, I've found that the employment scene sucks right now. No jobs. Not even freelancing for free. I could fall back on my minor, administration of justice, and be a real-life Frank Drebin. My life is as ridiculous as a "Naked Gun" movie.

Hey, fellas, could you let me back in? I'll clean up the place, cook a few meals and even refrain from masturbating in the classrooms like some guys at SJSU do. C'mon. Please?

*"I'm in Hell! Oh-oh-oh-oh AUU-UGGGHH!" — Sam Kinson  
"Born Under a Bad Sign"  
(June 1999 — December 2001).  
Don Scott Perez is 99.9 percent likely gonzo, like a muppet or Hunter S. Thompson.  
Thanks for the memories.*

## SpartaGuide

### Today

#### Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass, 12:10 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

#### School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in galleries two, three, five, six, eight and Herbert Sanders in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

#### Hillel of Silicon Valley and SJSU's Residence Life

Here comes Hanukkah Harry. Fun, food, dreidels, karaoke and a mysterious surprise, 8 p.m. in the SJSU Dining Commons. For more information, call Gideon at 286-6669 ext. 13 or e-mail jsc@hillel.org.

#### sjspirit.org

Daily meditation, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Thursday at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Come join us no matter what your meditation form. There is a power and comfort in community meditation. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

#### No Holds Barred

The Bay Area's only wrestling talk show debuts, 6 p.m. on 90.5 KSJS. For more information, call 924-5757.

#### Department of Meteorology

Seminar presentation by Luca Delle Monache of the comparison of aerosol properties within and above the ABL at the ARM program's SGP site, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Duncan Hall, Room 614. For more information, call the meteorology department at 924-5200.

#### City Year

Alternative Spring Break (March 24-31) in Dade City, Fla. Pick up applications at the Information Center in the Student Union and drop off at the Mosaic or the City Year headquarters. For more information, call 907-6544.

#### Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and College Award

Nominations for outstanding students to be selected in 2001-2002 are being accepted through Friday, Dec. 14. A San Jose State University grade point average of 3.2 is desirable, but not required. The forms are available in the Student Life Center. For more information, call Cori Miller at 924-5963.

### Tuesday

#### School of Art and Design

Student galleries art reception, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the galleries in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

#### Mosaic

Weekly music, improvisation, meditation and cultural exchange with Eddie Gale, California Arts Council artist in residence, and periodic special guest artists, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Mosaic of the Student Union. For more information, call 924-6255.

#### Department of Nutrition and Food Science

Come see the latest in body composition testing, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom building. Students pay \$5. Staff and faculty members pay \$10. For more information, call Sherry at 206-7599.

#### Career Center

"Working with \$\$\$" replay, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Building F. For more information, call Jill Dinnebie at 924-6049.

#### Counseling Services

General process group, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201. For more information, call Kell Fujimoto or Jeni Landau at 924-5910.

#### Catholic Campus Ministry

Scripture Reflection, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

### Wednesday

#### Catholic Campus Ministry

Bible Trek, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

#### Associated Students

Board of Directors meeting, 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Student Union. For more information, call Akbar Shetty at 924-6254.

### Friday

#### sjspirit.org

Go take a hike, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campus Ministry on 10th Street. Advanced registration is required. Open yourself up with the opportunity to go out-of-doors and into the world of nature. For more information, call Chaplain Roger at 275-1346 or visit the Web site sjspirit.org.

### Wednesday, Dec. 19

#### Associated Students

Finance committee meeting, 3 p.m. in the Associated Student house, Room 102. For more information, call Julie Perreira-Rieken at 924-6257.

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## Digressing while wanting to progress toward future

At last, we're winding down. Even though I've wound down numerous times before, this time it feels different.

There has never been a semester, thus far, that has gone by as quickly as this one has for me. Actually, it's gone by so fast that I'm in a current frenzy after realizing all the catching up I have to do.

What's that saying? "Old habits die hard."

Has a familiar ring to it when describing my life.

Since I was a college freshman, I've made conditions with myself at the start of every semester. After so many weeks or months of vacation, I usually start to miss the usual, daily grind of school, and without realizing it, I look forward to the lectures, professors and classmates. So, when I'm freshly exposed to the new semester, I can easily convey the seriousness of education to myself and make a vow to get a head start on my reading and assignments.

This type of trickery, in a nutshell, is the bane of my academic career.

I don't know if I have a bad case of denial that I can't shrug off, but I always succeed at failing to keep such a promise. And finally, after years of wondering, I think I've figured out why I choose to do this.

I remember my high school years vividly.

The time when, although I was sure I would never make friends, I was part of a "friendship gang" that consisted of about seven to eight individuals who I couldn't function without. How one of my English teachers, as sweet as she was, wore the same shirt every day, while another reminded me of Phoebe from the sitcom "Friends." Or the way I refused to allow my frustrated prom date to take down the cover of his new, cherry red, mustang convertible because my hair had to be perfect for the night.

It was great. High school was great.

Then, sometime during my senior year, came the realization that I had to leave the place and most of its people. Without meaning to, I began to digress. I pulled away from responsibility as well as diligence.

My final months of high school resembled a lot of what I'm dealing with right now: frustration and fear cleverly disguised as laziness.

I choose to blow off an assignment here and there, and I choose to hide from my professors. I have chosen to erect every problem that I am currently facing.



MINAL GANDHI

UNRAVEL

As I approach my final semester at San Jose State University, my terror toward change increases.

And my way of coping with the terror is with digression.

I preoccupy myself with pointless, unproductive tasks. I screw up my priorities. I lie to myself. All of these little factors of digression unravel into one big characteristic called denial.

I'm stuck in wonderment about the very tangible fact that I'm moving on. But as much as I wish to move forward and obtain lifelong goals, the presence of change is threatening enough to make me hold off on my dreams a little longer. The knowledge that I'm on the cusp of finishing school lets me believe there is no harm in staying a while longer. So I justify my tangential direction in life because I'm so sure the destination is around the corner.

The truth is, however, the longer I wait, the farther away my degree will get. I will have to one day graduate and leave this school and all of the things that made it endearing.

And I could accomplish this by taking two different routes: the difficult, yet productive one, in which I confront my fears and then equal a stronger person; or the easy and futile route, which may leave me weaker than when I started. Then again, my parents could always install the fear of death in me so I'll graduate — a very effective motivational technique, by the way.

The only solace I have in this entire situation is learning that I can conquer this. I suppose that is the only reassurance that matters in the end. High school graduation is proof.

And college graduation, when I finally come upon it, will second that notion.

Minal Gandhi is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer and Copy Editor.

For the two people who enjoy "Unravel," stay tuned next semester, when it will appear Tuesdays.

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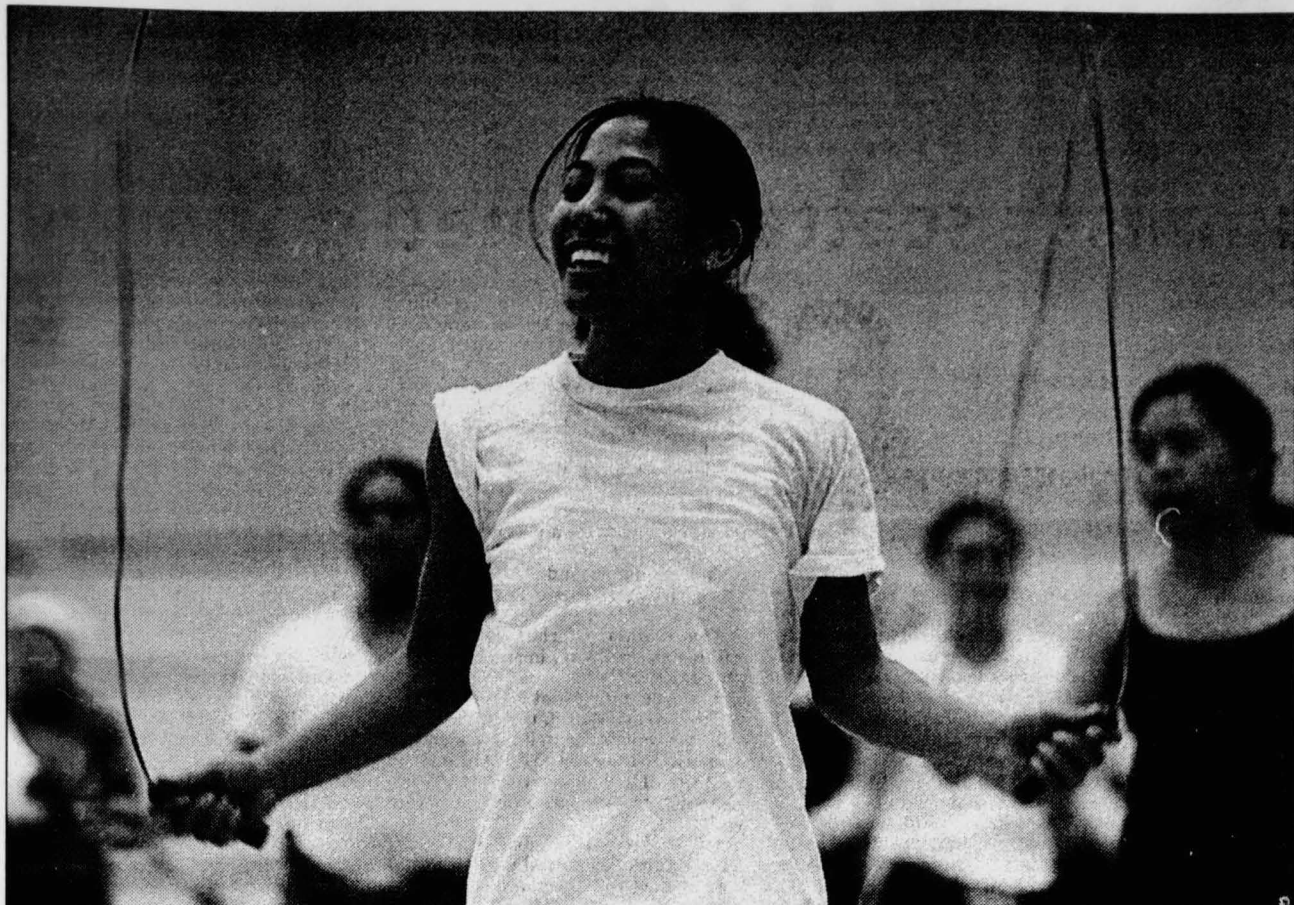
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Above, Judée Pagarigan jumps rope during the Sports Conditioning portion of the Aerobichthon, a two hour event held in the Spartan Complex on Friday.

Top Right, Jerome Flowers, one of the guest instructors for the Aerobichthon, coordinates movements with participants as part of his Jazzercise routine.

## SHETTY: Vice president says current president is not doing her job properly

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to charge rent for the space that A.S. has had for free for 30 years as making "no sense." Throughout the semester, it has been debated whether rent should be charged, though the Student Union maintains that spaces that are used for non-profit governmental purposes may be free of charge, whereas, space that is used for commercial organizations must be charged rent.

Shetty did commend A.S. Controller Julie Perreira-Rieken for her efforts in trying to get more space for student organizations.

Under Shetty's implication that she is not bringing new projects to the table, A.S. President Maribel Martinez responded, saying, "I don't think his claim is correct. There are several projects

that I'm working on right now."

She cited her efforts in trying to get more students active and aware of A.S. and raise the level of campus pride. She said she would like A.S. to provide more campus services and said she is trying to get a feel for what students want.

"We are always taking suggestions from students; as soon as we feel there is a need we will try to fill it," Martinez said.

She also said that she attends executive meetings with all three executives of A.S., as well as the executive director and adviser, to talk about activities that A.S. is interested in working on. Shetty, she said, has missed the last three meetings.

"I really can't validate his response because he hasn't been available to let us know that he felt that way," Martinez said.

A.S. Director of Student

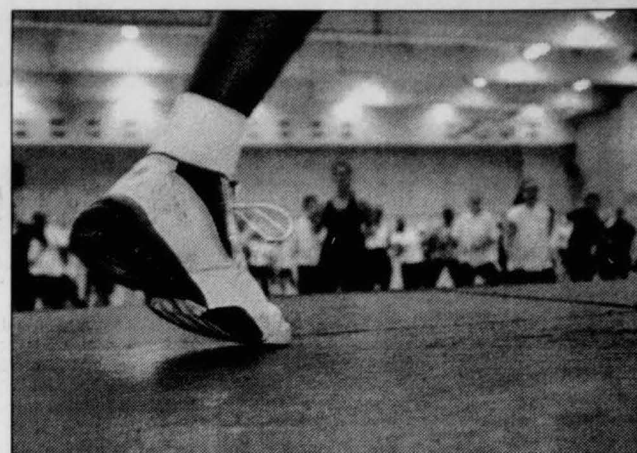
Resource Affairs Alice Tsai defended Martinez, saying that the board has not been the most supportive of Martinez.

Tsai said that the board has worked against Martinez when they rescinded most of her executive orders and tried to take away her voting rights on the California State Student Association. She said Martinez doesn't always receive ample time to speak when the board is in the middle of heated discussions and that when other members, such as herself, question the board on decisions that they are going to make regarding Martinez, they are not always listened to.

Tsai cited the specific example of a squabble at a previous A.S. meeting where the board voted and approved Erik Grotz, A.S. director of legislative affairs, as the voting member of the Califor-

nia State Student Association. Tsai said she asked for clarification about Martinez's qualifications as the voting member of the association, but that she was ignored and the board proceeded with the vote.

Historically, Martinez said, the president of A.S. holds the vote unless students at-large vote a board member into office. Since the A.S. board of directors elected Grotz without the consultation or vote of students at San Jose State University, she said A.S. and the association did not recognize his election.



## AERO: Event held annually

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shape."

Meggerson was doing just that when he fluidly grooved across the Spartan Complex gym floor during his eight-wheel dance routine that included the moonwalk and the splits.

As the evening's entertainment encore, Jocel Doctolero, a junior kinesiology and dance double major, energetically

danced with her Mission College dance group, Jaded.

"I dance to be active," she said.

The evening resumed with a raffle with prizes ranging from Tech Museum tickets and free coupons for Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, to three-month free memberships at San Jose's Club One Royal Court, an upscale gym, according to Sullivan.

## Gas Prices are down since the attacks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices have plunged more than 40 cents per gallon in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to a two-year low, an analyst said Sunday.

The average retail price of a gallon of gasoline, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.15 on Friday, down more than 8 cents per gallon in the past three weeks alone, according to the Lundberg Survey of about

8,000 stations nationwide.

It's the lowest price since March 1999, when the national average was about \$1.08.

In some cities the average gas price dipped below a dollar per gallon, to the joy and amazement of drivers.

"It was \$2 a gallon less than six months ago," said Jeffrey Spring, a spokesman for the Automobile Club of Southern California.

## REFUGEES: Not all Afghanis wanted to go to war

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haven't been exposed to a peace of mind."

Mohammad Abu-Haneefa, the activity director for American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice, gave a personal story to help illustrate what is currently taking place in Afghanistan.

He stressed the fact that not

**"There are innocent people who want to have nothing to do with politics and just want to live an innocent life."**

— Mohammad Abu-Haneefa, American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice

everyone wants to go to war.

"There are innocent people who want to have nothing to do with politics and just want to live an innocent life," he said. "I hope the audience could grasp that aspect of the presentation."

Abu-Haneefa told the story of his conversation with his sister in Afghanistan. He said he was told that there are a lot of children without arms or legs begging in the streets.

There is no medicine, food or water available for the people, but there was a lot of blood and needles all over the place, he said.

He said his sister told him about a 12-year-old boy who witnessed his mother being killed and is now working to provide for himself and his 18-year-old brother.

The boy wants to become a doctor so that he could help the victims of the war, Abu-Haneefa said.

Al-Yousef said the best way to help the people of Afghanistan, though, is to stop the fighting.

Though a lot of food and supplies are being donated, they are not able to reach the people

because of all the bombing.

If the people of the United States are upset over the people who died on Sept. 11, then they should also be worried about the people who are dying in Afghanistan, he said.

Some students said they were impressed by the presentation and that some misconceptions were cleared up.

Aziza Tarin, a senior majoring in civil engineering, said she thought Al-Yousef was very informative.

"I think he clarified the points on the situation over there, and I was really glad," she said.

Kathy Espinoza, a senior majoring in social science, said

she thinks it's important to think about the people who aren't aware of why the fighting is taking place.

"I think it's very important to remember the children and families in Afghanistan who do not know what politics are and have nothing to do with the people who are accused of all of this," she said. "It's upsetting that the United States is committing these atrocities to the children and to families over there."

Abu-Haneefa said he had similar feelings.

"Do not forget them, because they are humans, too," Abu-Haneefa said.

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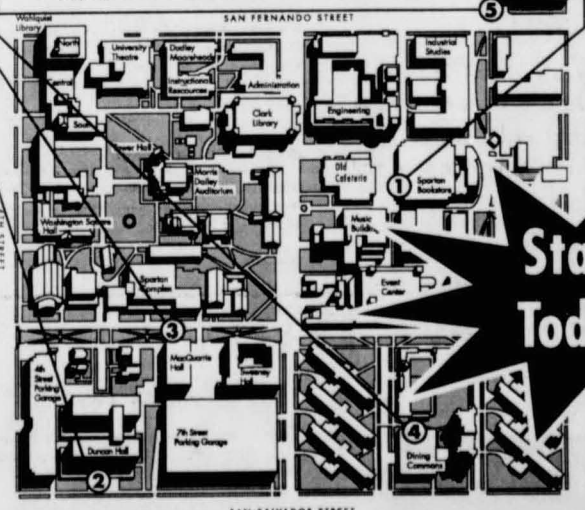
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# Spartan Stadium looking for greener pastures

By Fernando F. Croce

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Following a season of heavy activity and inconsistent weather, the field at the Spartan Stadium is receiving a makeover to be finished in time for the Silicon Valley Bowl on Dec. 31.

Raul Bueno, south campus facilities manager, said the field, now muddy and battered, should be taken care of before its conditions worsen for future games.

"It was already on the downside. The soil structure we have right now is just not good," Bueno said. "Particularly after the rain and the games, the whole field needs watching over. It's important to do it before the field reaches this

point."

It is the first time in four years that the process is being applied to the entire field rather than to parts of it, said Anne Palmer, stadium director for Spartan Shops.

"For the past years we've been revamping portions of the field, but now we will be working on the entire area," she said. "It all depends on the weather, activities and funding."

The resodding of the field, which began Friday morning, is a demanding process that needs to be undertaken in several stages, Bueno said.

First, the old turf is removed with harvesting equipment, taken out and disposed using tractors, he said.

"Once everything, including

irrigation sprinklers, is removed, we need to level the field and lay out the compound

mix for the soil structure," he said. "We have roughly 100 yards of soil mix to deal with before the sod goes in."

A different brand of compound mix from previous years is being used this year, Bueno said, so that once the seeds are laid out, a stronger hold on the grass will develop.

"In the long run, it will help sustain and nurture the grass,

to make the roots grow stronger and faster," he said. "The result will be a stronger structure, and

more advantages for soccer and football games, from my point of view."

Bueno said that, due to future games, the process needs as much help as possible, and that contributions have been made by the athletics department, Spartan Shops

and facilities. "It's going to take a lot of effort from us all," he said. "We

want to get everything ready for the Silicon Bowl at the end of the month, but if we don't have enough people, it can be dangerous. The turf is very heavy."

"The grounds crew is cooperating greatly, but from my point of view safety is first. I like to keep everybody safe during this project," he said.

The process, funded by SJSU at approximately \$60,000, is scheduled to continue Saturday and Sunday and into next week.

"We should have the first phases finished by Monday," Bueno said. "If we're permitted, we will work on the rest Tuesday through Thursday. The field should be prepared and ready by the first game of Silicon Bowl."

Earl Buckingham, assistant

head coach for the SJSU football department, said he felt resodding the field is a project that needs to be done.

"The field is in pretty bad shape," Buckingham said. "It's very important for our teams to have a good surface to play on. It doesn't matter what level you play, because if you can't move around on the field, you can't move around."

Ronnie Lee, defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach, said a well-kept field is one of the keys to playing well.

"It's a critical element, especially this late in the season, to have a playable field," Lee said. "I hope they make sure they maintain it well, because there is going to be a lot of traffic in it in upcoming seasons."

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— Earl Buckingham, Assistant football head coach

## A Thrashing good time

Thrasher magazine brought the Skater of the Year awards and some ruckus to San Francisco

By Todd Hendry

DAILY STAFF WRITER

What was supposed to be a ceremony for Thrasher skateboard magazine's "Skateboarder of the Year" turned out to be a huge party at the Fillmore in San Francisco Saturday night.

"All this is an excuse to have an insane party," said Dave Wilson who said that Thrasher has to move their Skater of the Year awards to different places every year, because they are never allowed to come back because of their wild parties.

Arto Saari, became the only professional skateboarder from Finland to take the honors.

Dressed in a Flip hooded sweatshirt, Saari accepted the award holding a cigarette in one hand and an alcoholic beverage in the other.

Saari received a \$1,000 check from Thrasher and was swarmed by three ladies dressed in skin tight nurses outfits as they rubbed and touched Saari as he held his statue award.

"It's fantastic," Saari said in response to the feeling of winning the award.

Saari said he was glad that people were enjoying themselves and having a good time.

After Saari gave a thank you speech, Thrasher showed a video to highlight his career.

Wilson described Saari as being a good skater because, "he's really gnarly and does scary tricks that could be life-threatening."

Wilson felt that Saari received the award because he has received a lot of attention for doing 20-stair hand rails.

Pirkka Pollari, who is staying with Saari said what separates Saari from the rest of the pros is that he can skate everything.



Kohjiro Kinno / Special to the Daily

Arto Saari, Thrasher Magazine's Skater of the Year, held up his \$1,000 check at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco on Saturday.

"He's good at pools, tech stuff and big stuff," Pollari said.

"Arto rips," said Matt Milligan, a fellow professional skateboarder.

Karl Watson, professional skateboarder and owner of a company called Organika said he came to the event to show appreciation to people who bust their ass.

Fellow team riders Bastien Salabanzi and Geoff Rowley said they were stoked that Saari received the award.

Saari is more than a team rider and well deserving of the award, because he was ripping it in 1999, Salabanzi said.

Pain and destruction is what Saari means to the world of skateboarding, Rowley said.

## Rams dump 49ers, 27-14

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams left no doubt who's in charge of the NFC West.

Marshall Faulk scored two touchdowns, Kurt Warner threw for two and the St. Louis defense dominated the matchup of division leaders in a 27-14 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. The victory, coupled with the Bears' loss at Green Bay, gave St. Louis the best record in the conference (10-2).

Faulk ran for a 6-yard score in the first quarter, and his 3-yard touchdown catch put the Rams

ahead 21-7 at the half en route to a season sweep of the 49ers (3-9). Faulk, who has scored five touchdowns the last two weeks, had 88 yards on 25 carries and five catches for 19 yards.

Warner was 26-for-42 for 294 yards and one interception, also hitting Ricky Proehl for a 15-yard score in the first quarter. Warner's 16th interception of the season was his first in two weeks as the Rams, who committed 13 turnovers in their two losses, continued to cut down on mistakes.

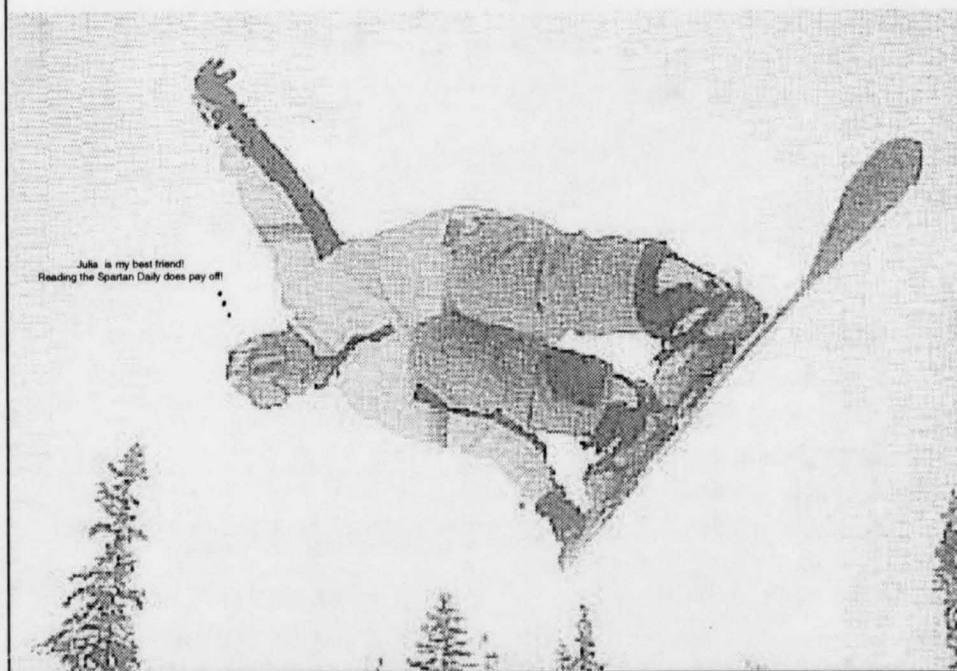
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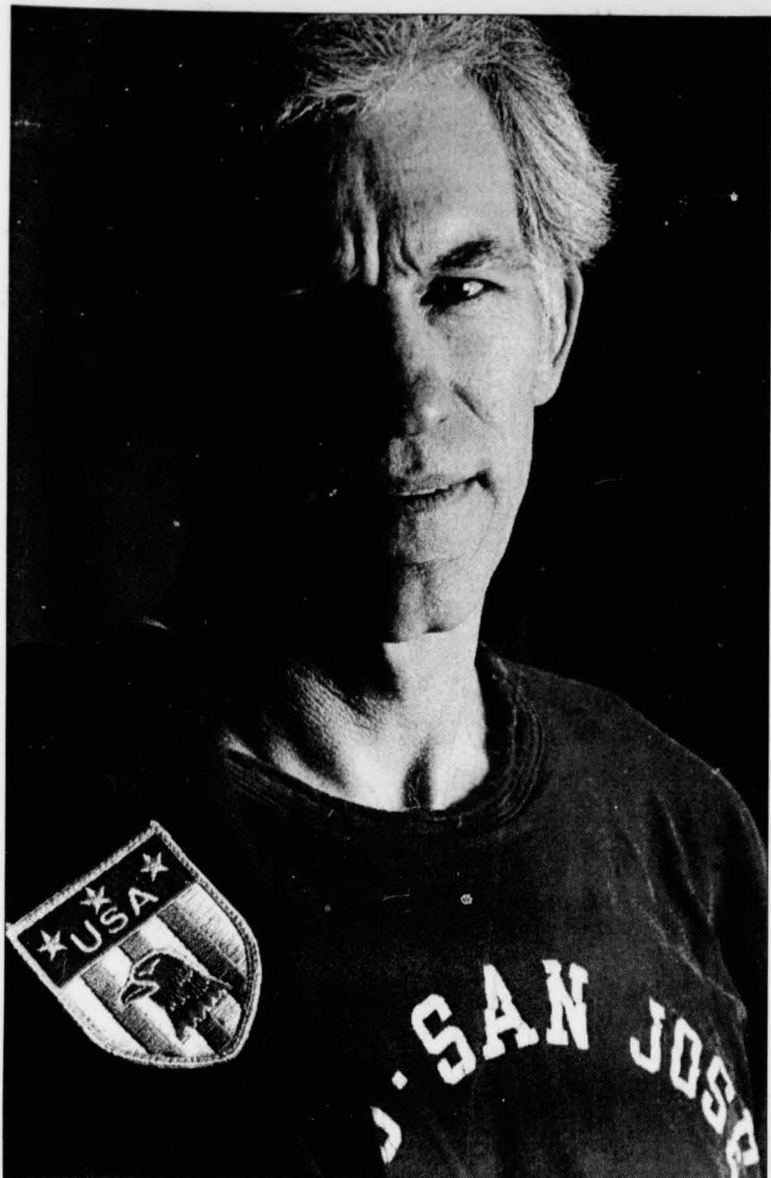
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# Lucas seeking a new wrestling tradition



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Jim Lucas, a San Jose State University alumnus, helped the Spartan wrestling team secure their first ever Pacific Coast Athletic Championship in 1973.

By Sarah Grace Ruf

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five years after bringing victory to the San Jose State University's wrestling team, Jim Lucas is making a comeback.

Lucas is now the coach of a new wrestling club at SJSU.

While wrestling in the 132-pound weight class in 1973, Lucas helped his team secure its first ever Pacific Coast Athletic Championship.

After Lucas graduated, he attempted to make the 1976 Summer Olympic Games, but after finishing second at the Western trials, he decided to retire.

Now Lucas, a Masters level wrestler and a charter inductee into the Ironman Surfing/Wrestling Hall of Fame, is the head wrestling coach at Harbor High School in Santa Cruz.

Now he hopes to return to SJSU with a new set of wrestlers under his wing.

According to Lucas, SJSU administration cancelled the wrestling team in 1985 because of interpretations of Title IX.

Title IX maintains equality among male and female athletes, including involvement in National Collegiate Athletics Association sports. Established in 1972, Title IX states that each school must have the same male to female ratio in sports as the ratio in enrollment.

"Title IX itself is a fabulous law," said Lucas, who has a son and daughter he believes should have equal sports opportunity. "Unfortunately, the interpretation of Title IX is causing problems with smaller sports."

When Title IX was adopted, smaller SJSU sports were cancelled to meet the required ratios, Lucas said.

Fifteen years after the wrestling team dissolved, Lucas said some students contacted him to see if he was interested in trying to start up a team again.

Lucas contacted SJSU and was told by the administration he was free to start a wrestling club, which is not subject to Title IX rules.

Lucas is now working by word of mouth to gather a group of students who are interested in gaining the type of life-long experience Lucas had from his days of wrestling.

"If it wasn't for wrestling, I wouldn't be where I am today," Lucas said. "That drive from wrestling is what's helped



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Jim Lucas shows off a wrestling belt buckle that he won while attending San Jose State University.

me achieve what I have in the business world."

Lucas said it is his desire to repay those who helped him achieve what he did while he was in college. He said he feels the best way to do that would be to try and do the same for other students.

Lucas is currently buying a wrestling mat and paying for insurance, which can cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000, he said.

The necessary Student Services paperwork is complete as well. Lucas said he hopes to begin wrestling practice within the next few weeks.

According to Lucas, the only thing members will have to worry about is the \$30 membership fee to USA Wrestling and workout gear.

There is room for about 50 members, Lucas said. Currently, more than 20 people have contacted Lucas for information.

"They're coming out of the woodwork," Lucas said.

However, Lucas said, no women have signed up yet, but the club is hoping to eventually have female wrestlers.

According to Mehrshad Mansouri, a

senior majoring in management as well as the club's vice-president, the group has been working through word of mouth to advertise the new club.

"There are a lot of like-minded individuals like myself, who want a wrestling team," Mansouri said.

He said there are many excellent high school wrestling teams in the area, and it is a disappointment when students come to SJSU and find no wrestling team.

Mansouri and Lucas both said they hope the wrestling club can eventually become a team.

In the long run, Lucas said he wants to help young wrestlers succeed in all walks of life.

"When you're on a wrestling mat, if you win it's because of what you did. If you lose, it's because of what you did. You can't blame anyone else," Lucas said. "Personal things fall by the wayside. Business is the same way. What helped me succeed in that environment were the sacrifices I made as an athlete."

For more information, contact Jim Lucas at (408) 328-4713

## Brown leads Raiders to win in new role

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The beautiful sight of Tim Brown returning punts again couldn't obscure another ugly performance by the Oakland Raiders.

Brown ran 88 yards for a touchdown on his first punt return in three years, and Regan Upshaw forced Trent Green's fumble on a 2-point conversion with 1:38 left as the Raiders kept stumbling toward the playoffs, 28-26 Sunday over the Kansas City Chiefs.

For the second straight week, the AFC West-leading Raiders (9-3) looked nothing like the team that won the division last season and rolled up 10 straight regular-season home victories — most of them blowouts — before last week's stunning overtime loss to Arizona.

The offense moved sluggishly against Kansas City. Priest Holmes became the latest running back to shred Oakland's defense, and reliable Rich Gannon made a potentially disastrous fumble in the final minutes. Only Brown's 100th career touchdown and Upshaw's big hit allowed the Raiders to survive a series of blunders and widen their big division lead.

"We're still not where we need to be, and it's very late in the season," Raiders linebacker Greg Biekert said. "We're almost in the playoffs, and we need to get going. Right now, we've got the luxury to say we're out in front, but we want to be in a great position. We won't get it like that."

Though Holmes outgained the Raiders' entire offense 277-264, Oakland coach Jon Gruden still is most concerned by his defense, which allowed 447 yards and needed last-gasp stops to win.

"We didn't play our best brand of football in any phase," Gruden said. "We're concerned about it. We want to get better. Our players are frustrated."

He got it back when the Raiders cut David Dunn for the overtime fumble that led to Arizona's winning field goal. Gruden was worried about his star receiver's health in that dangerous role, but Brown couldn't get injured if the Chiefs didn't touch him.

The Raiders were clinging to a four-point lead late in the third quarter when Brown sped down the sideline for a touchdown, his first on a punt return since 1991.

Leading 28-20, Oakland stopped the Chiefs at the 4 with 3:03 to play when Charles Woodson broke up a fade pass to Der-

rick Alexander in the end zone.

But Gannon, one of the game's least mistake-prone quarterbacks, fumbled with 1:49 left while stretching for a first down that would have allowed the Raiders to run out the clock.

Trent Green, who passed for 253 yards and two scores, hit Tony Gonzalez for a 24-yard TD 11 seconds later. But Upshaw beat Kansas City's line around the left side and put a big hit on Green, causing a fumble.

Green and Gonzalez fumed afterward, claiming the Raiders were holding several receivers on the conversion. Coach Dick Vermeil lamented the Chiefs' lackluster kick coverage and their failures on two fourth-down plays.

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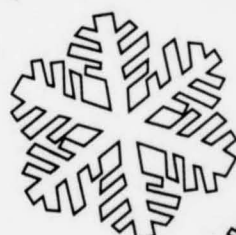
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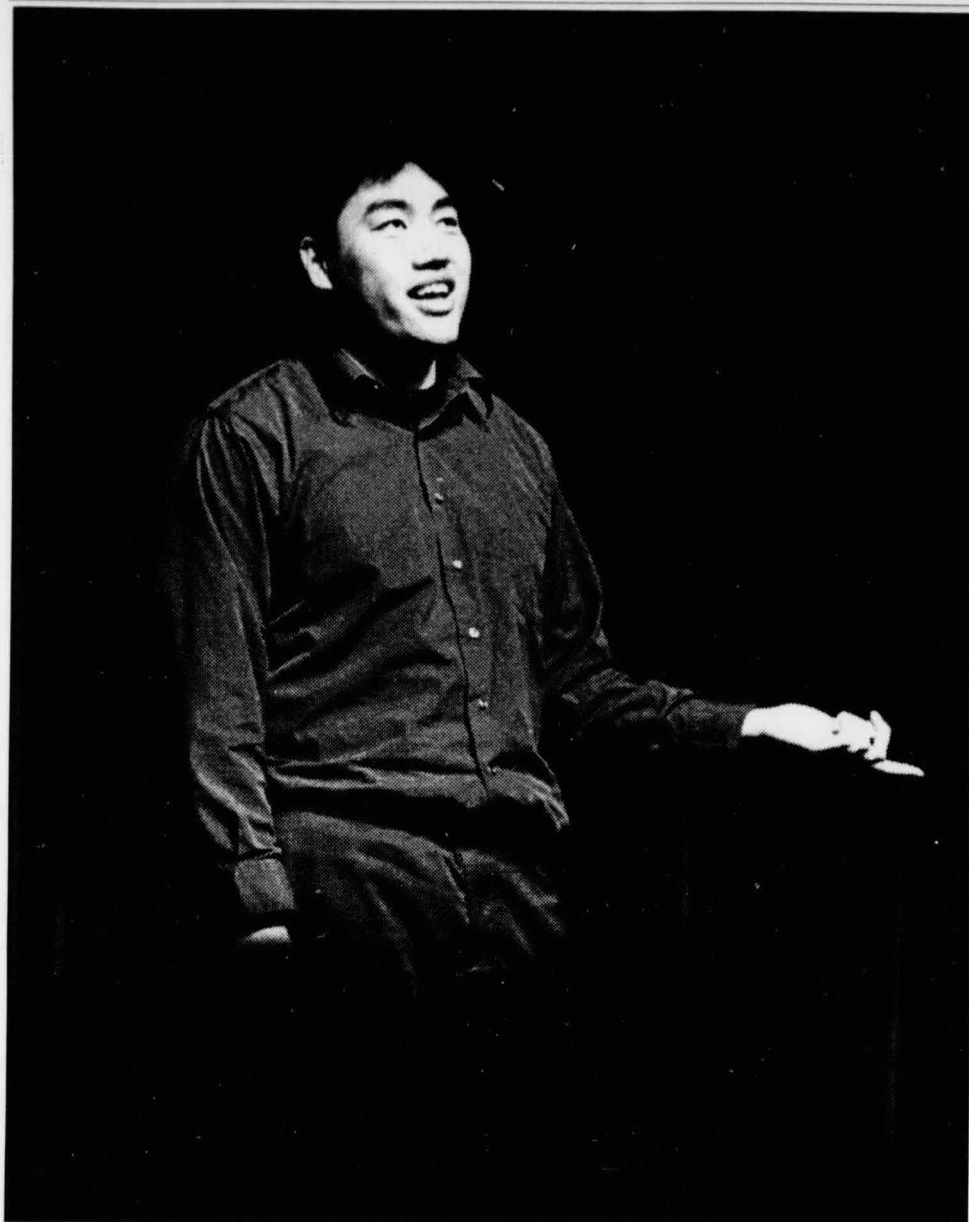
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Far left, Phil Jang, one of the finalists for the Kaucher/Mitchell Event for Excellence in Storytelling, narrates his tale, Cha Sue Bow and the Giant Wok, in the Hall Todd Studio Theatre on Friday.

Left, Rachael Stutzman, one of the participants in the Kaucher/Mitchell Storytelling Event, discusses slight alterations in her tale with her friend Jeanine Giacomini, outside of Hall Todd Theatre after her performance.

Photos by JaShong King / Daily Staff



## AWARD: Storytelling event held for the 102nd time

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wouldn't be nervous," she said. "Then once I get past the introduction, I'm fine."

But Robinette said there are some tell tale signs of her on stage jitters.

"I get a rash all over my neck and chest," she said.

Swanson said to help students prepare for standing in front of an audience each day in class she helps them on a daily basis.

"We recline on the floor and do breathing exercises for five to seven minutes each day, then we do some vocalization and warm up exercises," Swanson said.

According to Swanson, Friday's event was the 102nd since the early 1960s. For a while,

Swanson said, the event was held on a regular basis, sometimes two to three times a year, until about 10 years ago, when the event fell by the wayside.

"It was a sporadic event for about four or five years until I came to the department 10 years ago," she said.

That was when Swanson decided to pick up where her mentor and former teacher left off after retiring from San Jose State University's drama department.

Noreen Mitchell was a founder of the of the Kaucher Mitchell event and has been attending the event for the last 10 years, since it started back on a regular basis.

She said the event has seen some changes during the years.

"I like to call the event the 'theatre of the mind.' It has become much more sophisticated over the years," Mitchell said.

Mitchell said she was overwhelmed by the beautiful performance of each of the participants. After the finalists told their stories, former oral interpretation fellows took the stage to present their stories for the audience.

Lisa Cuevas, a junior in child development, said she attended the event when her teacher assigned it as a requirement. She said she wasn't expecting to like it very much but after the event was finished, she had high praise.

"I was really surprised, they all did a great job," she said. "I'm glad I didn't have to pick the winner."

## HANUKKAH: Hillel to hold holiday celebration Monday

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tion."

According to the group of students, the history of Hanukkah is called the "Festival of Lights" and began with a miracle during the battle between the Assyrians and the Maccabees in 165 B.C.E., or before the common (Christian) era. "There was only enough oil to light the candles for one day," Babchin said. "It ended up lasting for eight days and that is the miracle of Hanukkah."

David Goodman, president of SJSU's Jewish Student Union who is also a youth advisor at Temple Emanu-El in San Jose, said they plan to celebrate Hanukkah on Monday in the SJSU dining commons at 8 p.m.

"The tradition is, instead of gifts like Christmas, we give money and make potato pancakes which are fried in oil," Goodman said. "Frying in oil represents the oil in the menorah."

Goodman also mentioned that in Israel during Hanukkah, another traditional food that is eaten is called Sufganyiot, which are jelly-filled donuts.

"Not a lot of people know about Sufganyiot, but they're round, which represents the life cycle," Goodman said.

"They're just another food that represents oil because it's cooked in oil," Pastcan said.

Challah, a bread eaten on Shabbat, is also round to represent the life cycle.

"It's a bread that we eat on Friday night to Saturday night for Shabbat," Pastcan said.

Babchin said he has mixed feelings about Hanukkah.

"Most Jewish holidays are not about a military victory, which Hanukkah is, and that is why I like it," Baskin said. "The reason I don't like it is because it was a very minor holiday at one time, but because it happens around the same time of the year as Christmas and to make Jewish kids feel

better, they made it a big deal."

The students began the Shabbat tradition of singing, lighting candles and drinking wine before eating the kosher sushi they made.

During the lighting of the candles, Babchin explained why they covered their eyes as they lit the candles.

"The point is to gather the warmth of the candles and to concentrate on bringing that warmth into yourself. It's basically to emphasize concentration," Babchin said.

Speizer said the goal of the Hillel house is to provide a place for Jewish students to openly discuss their feelings about their religion.

"Sometimes there is difficulty when discussing your religious ideas or your identification with Judaism," Speizer said. "Here at the house, we are an open community that respects everybody's ideas. We're here to provide a safe place ... a place to be as Jewish or as little Jewish as you want."

## Astronauts commemorate victims of attacks

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the linked space shuttle Endeavour and international space station paid tribute Sunday to those who died Sept. 11 and those who are fighting to stop terrorism.

"All of us were affected by that day — greatly," said outgoing space station commander Frank Culbertson, a retired Navy captain who was in orbit when the attacks occurred.

"To all of those who lost loved ones, to all of those who worked so hard to help people survive, and to the people who are trying so hard to stop this threat, we wish you the best," he said.

Endeavour is carrying thousands of U.S. flags in honor of all those killed in the terrorist attacks.

Six thousand of the small flags will be distributed after Endeavour's flight to victim's relatives and some of the survivors of the tragedy. The larger flags will be returned to Pennsylvania, the Pentagon and New York, where one of them was flying at the World Trade Center when the hijacked airliners slammed into the towers.

That flag is ripped and still smells of smoke. Shuttle commander Dominic Gorie said before the mission that he was reluctant to unpack it in space for fear it would trigger smoke alarms.

"When we first saw it, we were amazed that this flag survived," Gorie said Sunday evening. "But it's a tremendous symbol of our country. Just like our country, it's a little bit bruised and battered and torn. With a little repair, it's going to fly high and as beautiful as it ever did, and that's just what

our country is doing."

Also flying on Endeavour: a New York fire department banner and 23 New York police badges and 91 police patches.

The space station's new skipper, Russian Yuri Onufrienko, noted that the international cooperation exhibited in orbit is "really a good example of how

we need to work together" on Earth.

The 10 space travelers took time out from their supply-unloading to gather in the orbiting laboratory for the brief, solemn ceremony. The flags and other Sept. 11 mementos remained on the shuttle, tucked away.



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## This year's holiday colors are red, white, blue

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. (AP) — As he does each year, Gerald Wilhite used his ocean-fishing rod to cast strands of lights over the limbs of his front yard's towering oak and maple trees. He untangled coils of green wire and dangling bulbs, then nimbly wrapped them around evergreens and stretched them out to line each side of the driveway.

But the bulbs that flickered on when all were plugged in weren't the usual multi-colored variety, not the type that typically light up this town built on Christmas.

The colors were simple: red, white and blue.

"In some sense," Wilhite said, "it doesn't feel quite right being all jolly and full of Christmas this

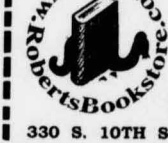
year." So he, and everyone in his subdivision, adopted a patriotic theme

in honor of Americans fighting overseas and the thousands who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

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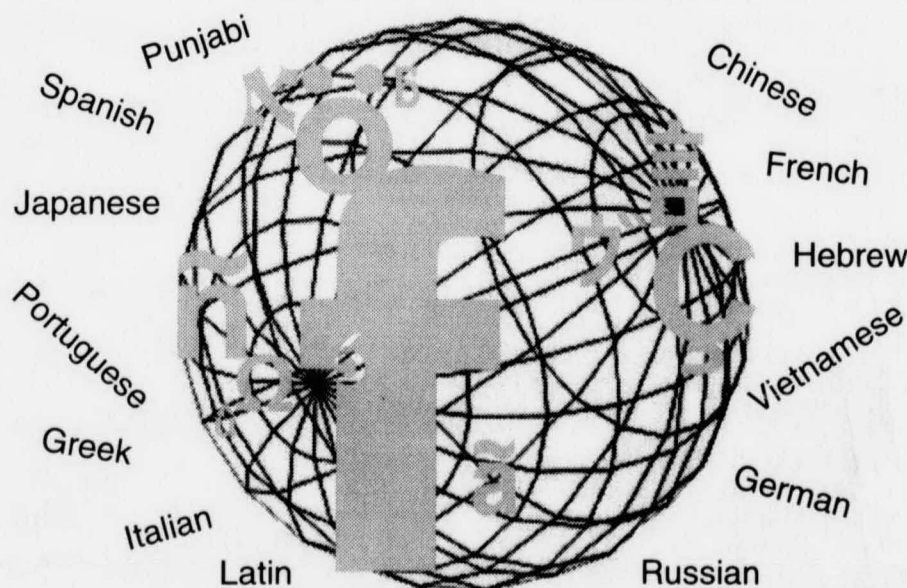
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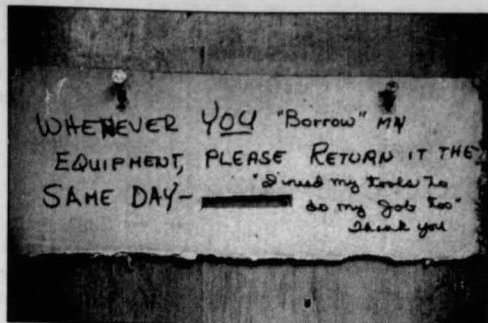
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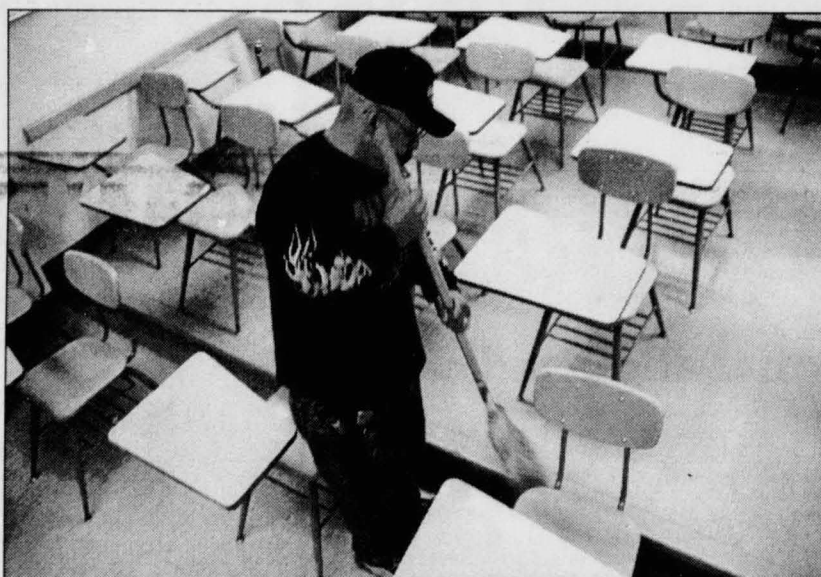
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By Omar Ornelas / Daily Staff



Above, Dolores Gutierrez cleans the bathroom in the basement of Duncan Hall.

Right, Feliz Barrera makes sure that everything will be clean inside the classroom.



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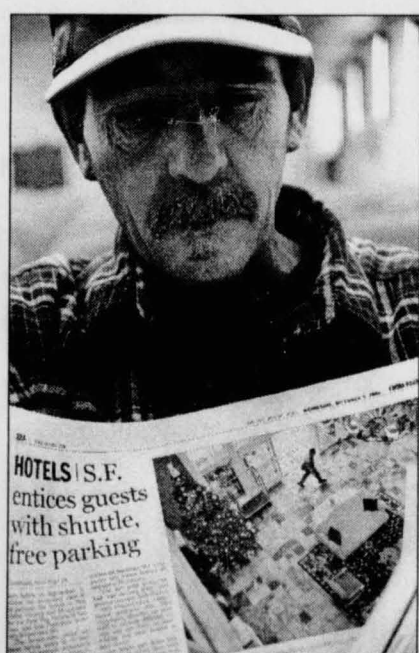


Above, Dolores Gutierrez and Tim Villacruz are both part of Crew No. 5. Gutierrez has been 21 years in service.

Above right, Leonard Hogue reads a newspaper at 5 a.m.

Right, Feliz Barrera takes a short break at 2:30 a.m. He has already worked eight hours at another job earlier during the day.

Far right, Leonard Hogue sweeps the hall from one side to the next.



I remember seeing them in the halls of San Francisco City College. Always heading in a certain direction. Only stopping when needed.

I even recognized one of them after a few weeks into the semester.

I finally said hello one day after seeing one of them many times coming into the photography studio.

After a semester we knew each other's names. Then I moved on to the big time, San José State University. I never really thought about her for the first semester. Then just as suddenly as I had left the city college, I started thinking about where people like her would be.

I looked for them here in the hallways; I looked for them in the library. I even looked in Robert Caret's office, but I never found them.

My photo editor once told me they rode around in those little carts that almost nearly run you over if you're not paying attention.

Then I started wondering: Where are the custodians?

It took me nearly a year to figure out that they never were around in the hallways of SJSU they were in San Francisco.

Somebody told me they came late, after students had all gone home.

Then I started trying to visualize the person who would pick up the crumpled paper that the guy next to me failed to bank off the wall and into the wastebasket.

I needed to know who mopped these floors, who cleaned up after those students who flicked their cigarettes onto the ground. I needed to know.

One day I found a trace of them, not physically, but in words. I finally had found them.

I read the article excitedly. The janitors had been struggling; they were trying to be seen by the campus community. They had problems. Some of them were getting fired, others pushed out.

I now wanted to see them more than ever.

I set out to meet them late at night when most students were already home studying or partying.

It would have to be late in the night when I could meet them. I was invited to visit them in Duncan Hall.

This is where I met some of the janitors of crew No. 5. They were waiting for me, cleaning carts all set to go.

The night begins at 11 p.m. Dolores Gutierrez, a janitor who has been working for the university for 13 years, takes me through all of the 11 rooms she has to clean every night. The halls of the building are cold, so we keep moving fast.

Going through so many doors that I lose my sense of direction. We finally exit into a hall. The lights from above turn on as if to say hello to us.

Dolores tells me she calls them the "luces chismosas" (gossipy lights) because they tell the supervisors when they have not been working in that particular place for a certain time.

We continue. There's always another wastebasket to empty. I see a young Asian man walking in the hall. Dolores tells me he does all-nighters to study and is glad to see him when she knows she is alone.

Dolores takes me up to the third floor to meet Felix Barrera.

Barrera has been working here for eight years. He's a part-time employee which means he works only until 3 a.m.

However, I am told he must do an eight-hour section in four hours. He gets done what he can. Felix is a very friendly man. We talk about the job briefly, and then we start conversing about life. Suddenly we are talking about politics in the Middle East, the current presidency and his favorite subject: history.

"Just because I am a janitor, they think I don't read," Barrera said.

I tell him I don't think that. In fact I tell him I think this is the most interesting conversation I have had all day, even after being with the intelligentsia of SJSU. I see more wastebaskets being emptied. Felix's trash barrel is filled two feet above the rim. It's 2:30 a.m. Felix is almost finished, but it's lunchtime for the rest of the crew.

In the lunch room I meet Tim Villacruz, 21 years in service, Leonard Hogue, 16 years in service, Vince Ozuna, 7 years, and Juan Leon, 6 years of service.

Villacruz has brought codfish for everyone to eat. Like an understudy of a sous chef, he instructs everyone how to prepare and garnish the fish. I can immediately tell Villacruz is the senior of the staff. He feeds and makes sure everyone has enough to eat. I feel as if I had been working with them for years after a couple of fillets. Villacruz is the orator of the crew. His anecdotes date back nearly as long as my existence. I ask him about the university presidents. He tells me he remembers all three of them since he's been here, "I have never met Caret in eight years." Tim says to me.

It's 5 a.m. when Gutierrez and Villacruz agree that I look tired. I convince them I'm ok. With some luck, it's break time for all of us. I wait to see if they will find a place to take a nap. Instead

Gutierrez takes out yarn and begins to crochet while Tim reads the Spartan Daily.

In a couple of hours these halls will be filling up with students, I think to myself. Will they ever imagine we sat here in the hallway crocheting, reading and talking? The invisible janitors of SJSU will by then have finished emptying all the trashcans, mopping the floors, disinfecting the bathrooms and continuing to live in near anonymity in the halls of SJSU.





## Catchin' Air



JaShong King / Daily Staff

Rodney Kollins oiled down the steps north of Sweeney Hall on Friday.

## Fraternity brings holiday joy to children, parents

By Sarah Grace Ruf

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Children from nearby Lowell Elementary School spent Saturday on the San Jose State University campus, playing games, eating lunch and opening presents.

The event was part of a community service effort for the Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity, said Carlos Trujillo, the fraternity's fundraiser chairperson.

The event began in the morning when fraternity members arrived at the elementary school to pick up about 125 kindergartners, first-graders and second-graders, Trujillo said. About 30 parents accompanied the children.

Trujillo, a junior majoring in political science, said about 15 fraternity members gathered in the Student Union ballroom to play various games with the children, including musical chairs, soccer and hockey.

After everyone gathered in the amphitheater for a pizza lunch, Trujillo dressed up as Santa Claus. He asked if the kids were

doing well in school and passed out presents.

There were also jump houses for the kids, said Andres Baires, also a fraternity member.

"There were just smiles on their faces," said Baires, a junior majoring in civil engineering. "We (couldn't) resist those faces. As soon as they opened their presents, they played with them on the amphitheater floor."

According to Trujillo, the fraternity bought about \$200 in gifts for the children, wrapping them all the night before the event. A few sororities also helped, including Lambda Theta Alpha and Sigma Alpha Zeta, he added.

The fraternity writes letters to various community organizations and businesses, but they had a low response this year, according to Trujillo.

He said that SJSU's multicultural center, MOSAIC, donated some money to help fund the \$800 event.

The rest of the money came from the fraternity's annual Halloween Party, which they hold to raise money for their event, "Christmas at SJSU."

Baires said the Halloween Party, which has been open to SJSU students every Halloween for the last 13 years, raises about \$2,000 each year.

"Our goal is to introduce the kids to the university and be their mentors for the day," Trujillo said.

According to Baires, the fraternity's founding principles include academic excellence, community service, and maintenance of the Latino culture.

The school district Lowell Elementary belongs to is 80 percent Latino, Trujillo said.

Many of the parents that attended the event spoke Spanish, and told the president of the fraternity "Gracias" for hosting the event, Trujillo said.

"They were so grateful," Baires said. "Most of the parents can't afford a big Christmas."

Baires said he hopes the event also encourages the young children to consider college as they grow older.

"This is our biggest event and the one I'm most proud of," he said.

## Family, friends remember abducted child

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Family and friends gathered Sunday in the Santa Cruz mountains to remember 7-year-old Xiana Fairchild, abducted on her way to school two years ago.

The private prayer service was held in Los Gatos near the site where construction workers found pieces of a human skull in January. DNA tests confirmed the remains belonged to Xiana, deflating the hopes of hundreds of people who had searched for her around the former Navy town of Vallejo, about 35 miles northeast of San Francisco.

The killer still has not been arrested, and police have no suspects.

But those who loved Xiana are using her name to do good. A toy drive was held Sunday to benefit needy children. A candlelight vigil was also planned and attendees were to retrace Xiana's last known steps.

"She's just constantly on my mind," said Stephanie Kahalekulu, Xiana's great-aunt who raised the girl from infancy. "I think there's still a bit of disbelief."

The need to find her niece's killer was so keen, Kahalekulu

sold her belongings and moved her family from Colorado to California last summer to help in the search.

Vallejo too continues to remember Xiana.

"As you know, it ended badly, and that was certainly unfortunate," said Mark Mazzaferro, the city's spokesman. But "a lot of people learned that number one, Vallejo cares, because this community really came together and worked hard to find this little girl."

## Menorah illuminates Ground Zero in celebration of Hanukkah

NEW YORK (AP) — Ground zero was a little brighter Sunday with the lighting of an 8-foot-tall menorah to commemorate the first night of Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights.

"The lesson for all of us is that they can take down the towers, they can remove the structures, but they can't take away the symbols we hold so dear," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, the Jewish chaplain for

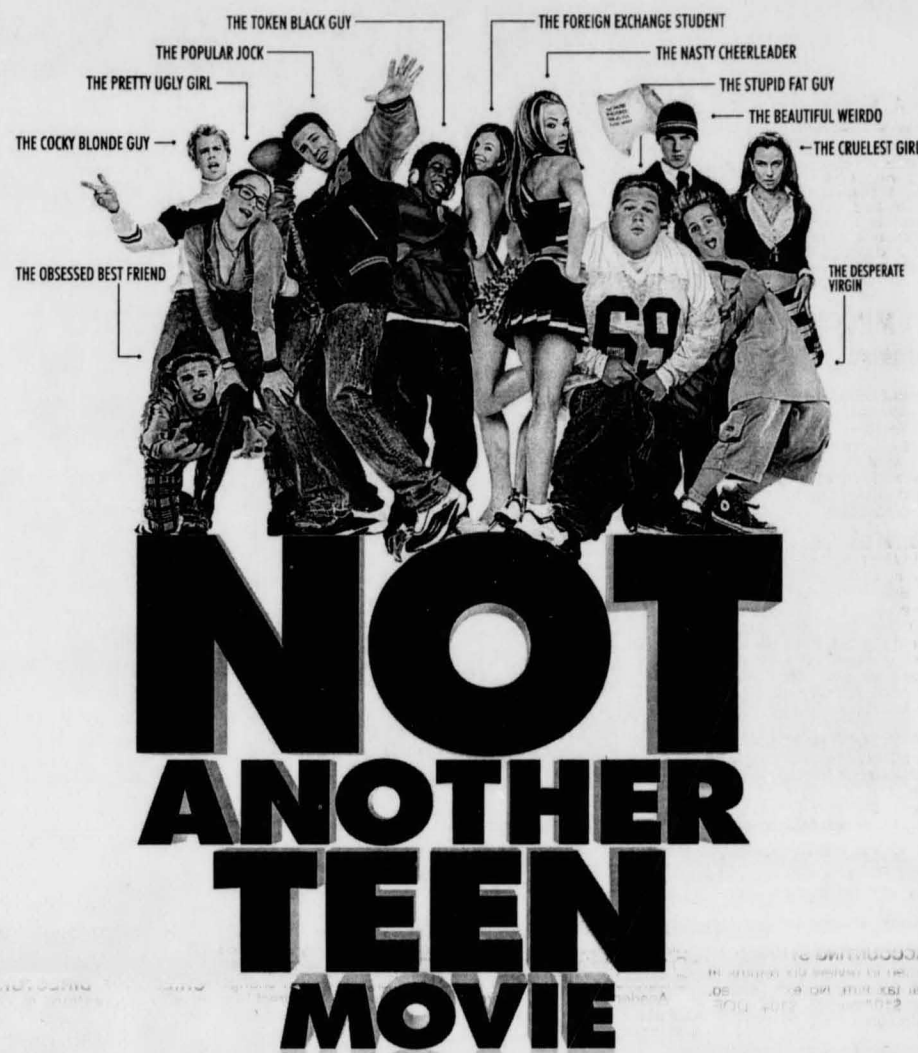
the Fire Department of New York.

Rescue workers and several family members of victims of the terrorist attack gathered near the rubble of the World Trade Center after sunset to light the menorah's first candle. A similar ceremony will take place each of the next seven nights of Hanukkah.

A 30-foot Christmas tree was lit during a ceremony Friday.

Eighteen-month-old Laura Lehrfeld, who lost her father when the twin towers collapsed, lit the menorah's first candle. Her father, Eric Lehrfeld, was at a breakfast conference at the top of Tower 1, when the building was struck by a hijacked airliner.

"I know a lot of victims aren't comfortable coming here, but I draw comfort and strength from being here with my husband," Lehrfeld's wife Hayley said.



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## Amtrak train kills three teen-agers on railroad tracks outside Philadelphia

FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa. (AP) — An Amtrak Acela train traveling 100 mph rounded a curve and killed three teen-agers who were walking on the railroad tracks with their backs to the train, authorities said Sunday.

None of the roughly 300 passengers were hurt.

The three victims were among a group of five teen-agers trespassing on the tracks in an industrial area in suburban Philadelphia, police said.

"We don't know if they heard the train or not," Falls Township acting Police Chief Neil Harkins said. "The train engineer saw them and he tried to stop and was unable to do so and they were struck."

A 14-year-old boy, a 15-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man were killed, Harkins said. A 14-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy got away before the train reached the group.

The victims were not immediately identified. Police said the survivors knew the 19-year-old by his first name only, making identification difficult.

Amtrak spokeswoman Karen Dunn couldn't comment on the details of the incident.

"We're not sure what the circumstances were yet. I haven't gotten a report from the engineer," Amtrak spokeswoman Karen Dunn said.

Dunn said engineers need at

least a mile to stop a fast-moving train if they see someone on the tracks.

"I just don't know how much notice he or she had," she said. "It's tragic for the engineer, because in cases like this you can often see it but not prevent it."

The accident happened at about 3:45 p.m. in Morrisville, about 25 miles northeast of Philadelphia, Dunn said. Access to the tracks was blocked by a fence, she added.

"It's really a tragedy — kids and at Christmas. This is going to ruin a lot of families," said Firefighter Marty Burke, who was working at the scene.

Passengers on the southbound Acela train en route to Washington, D.C., were stranded for about two hours. The train eventually continued on to Philadelphia where passengers boarded other trains, Dunn said.

The Acela train was being examined as part of the investigation, she added. Service on other Amtrak trains was restored within 30 minutes.

Acela trains can go up to 150 miles per hour. Amtrak operates the high-speed service between Washington and Boston.

In September, a 71-year-old Warwick, R.I., man was also killed by an Acela train while walking on railroad tracks near his home.

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